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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY
ROBERT WOODWARD, 19 FEBRUARY, ENTITLED "WHITE HOUSE REVIEW-
ING INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS".

BEGIN EXCERPT: ...CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS RE-
CEIVED AMOUNTS OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY
IN THE LATE 1960'S, THE SOURCES SAID. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF
THESE CIA PAYMENTS HAVE CONTINUED....

...AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID THE PAYMENTS TO ARCHBISHOP
MAKARIOS WERE MADE AT THE TIME THE U.S., WITH THE TACIT CON-
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SENT OF THE NEUTRALIST CYPRIOT PRESIDENT, FLEW U-2 RECON-
NAISSANCE MISSIONS TO THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE BRITISH
SOVEREIGN BASE OF AKROTIRI ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE
ISLAND.

THE CIA ALSO MAINTAINED SPECIAL RADIOS NEAR THE NORTHERN
SEACOAST TOWN OF KYRENIA TO MONITOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES IN THE EAST MEDITERRANEAN.

CYPRIT OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGED THE RECEIPT OF SPECIAL USG FUNDS BY MAKARIOS BUT MAINTAINED THAT THEY WERE USED BY THE ARCHBISHOP FOR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES.... END EXCERPTS

2. THIS IS SECOND WOODWARD ARTICLE ON CIA SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN LEADERS, FIRST HAVING BEEN YESTERDAY'S ON HUSSEIN.

3. WE ARE NOT REACTING TO ANY OF WOODWARD ARTICLES OTHER THAN TO RESPOND WITH NO COMMENT TO ANY QUERIES.

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